

Welcome

Berks Center for Digestive Health is pleased to welcome you to our facility. We are an outpatient center dedicated to providing the highest quality endoscopic services in a comfortable atmosphere.

We would like to make your visit as pleasant as possible. The Center is a place where you will receive quality care and then return to the comfort of your own home the same day. Respect for your individual needs is our main priority.

The following physicians own and/or practice at Berks Center for Digestive Health:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Altomare, M.D.• Nina Bandyopadhyay, D.O.• Daniel Blecker, M.D.• Bruce Caruana, M.D.• Philip J. Elbaum, D.O.• Ravi Ghanta, M.D.• Kevin Gordon, M.D.• Christopher Ibrahim, M.D.• Paul Kim, D.O. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louis La Luna, M.D.• Anirudh Masand-Rai, M.D.• Aparna Mele, M.D.• Carl Mele, M.D.• Farid Razavi, M.D.• Seth Rosenzweig, M.D.• Nirav Shah, M.D.• Adam Spiegel, D.O. |
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Alternative locations for performing your endoscopic procedures are The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, and Penn State Health/St. Joseph's Medical Center.

Prior to your Procedure

Make arrangements for someone to drive you home. Your escort must be 18 years of age or older, and should plan to wait for you during your entire procedure. Please limit the number of persons accompanying you to two. Only one person will be allowed in the recovery room with you. You may not take public transportation home unaccompanied. This includes walking. **There are no exceptions to this rule.**

Please make arrangements for childcare in advance. The Center is not designed to accommodate small children.

If you have to cancel or reschedule your appointment or have any questions regarding your medication or the preparation for a procedure, please contact Digestive Disease Associates at 610-374-4401.

Reminders & Checklist for the Day of Your Procedure

If you need to cancel your appointment on the day of your procedure, please contact Berks Center for Digestive Health at 610-288-3229.

If you have an advance directive, please bring it with you the day of your procedure.

Please bring your insurance card, photo I.D. and method of payment.

You will also need your eyeglasses.

You should leave all jewelry and valuables at home. The Center cannot take responsibility for safeguarding your personal items.

Please check-in at the reception desk on time. Your check-in time is noted on your prep instructions.

Please bring a list of medications you are currently taking.

Please bring a list of allergies, which may include allergies to medications, latex or food. If you have a pacemaker, please bring your manufacturer's I.D card. If you use emergency inhalers, please bring them with you.

Please bring a list of any non-local physicians AND their fax numbers, where you would like the Center to send a copy of your report to.

Billing Information

Please call your insurance company to verify your benefits. Also, be aware **that you or your insurance company will receive at least three bills as a result of your procedure.** Three separate business entities are involved in and bill for each visit to our Center: Berks Center for Digestive Health, Digestive Disease Associates, and Nova Anesthesia Professionals.

Berks Center for Digestive Health Suite 600 (BCDH). BCDH will bill your insurance for facility costs which include the equipment, exam room, supplies, staff costs, and medications. Billing questions please call 800-514-9046.

Digestive Disease Associates Suite 300 (DDA). DDA will bill your insurance for physician's services. There may be a bill for laboratory processing and the pathologist's interpretation of the results of the biopsy specimens as well. Billing questions please call 610-374-4401.

Sheridan Anesthesia Services will bill your insurance for services provided by the anesthesia professional. Billing questions please call 888-533-0566

A hospital or independent laboratory may bill your insurance for laboratory processing and the pathologist's interpretation of the results of the biopsy specimens. Billing questions please refer to the laboratory bill for contact information.

Please visit the website below for some more information about the insurance coverage of your procedure.

<http://www.ddaberks.com/insurance.html>

After Your Procedure

Your escort will be required to sign the written discharge instructions prior to your departure.

We ask that your driver stay on site during your entire procedure.

Patients will remain in the recovery area until they are ready for discharge.

You may not take any form of transportation home unaccompanied. This includes buses, taxis (Uber/Lyft, etc.), and walking.

It would be best if someone could stay with you at home after your procedure.

We will call you the next business day after your procedure to inquire about your well-being. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you still have and to voice any concerns regarding your visit to the Center. Thank you in advance for the valuable feedback you give us regarding your experience.

PLEASE BRING A DRIVER OR RESPONSIBLE PERSON OVER THE AGE OF 18 WITH YOU. YOU MAY NOT DRIVE OR WALK HOME AFTER HAVING SEDATION. PLEASE NOTE: "NO DRIVING" UNTIL THE DAY FOLLOWING YOUR PROCEDURE.

How to Find Us:

Address: **Berks Center for Digestive Health**
1011 Reed Ave, Suite 600 Wyomissing, PA 19610
Office: 610-288-3229
Fax: 610-288-3336
www.ddaberks.com/surgery-center.html

From Reading/Pottstown:

Follow Route 422 West to State Hill Road Exit. Make right onto State Hill Road. Proceed to second traffic light at Spring Street/Granite Point. Make a left onto Spring Street. Take the first right onto Reed Avenue at the Wyomissing Corporate Center. Follow the road around past two buildings on the right to the first building on the left, i.e. 1011 Reed Avenue.

From Oley/Boyertown:

Follow Route 73 West to Pricetown Road/Rt. 12 West and follow signs for 422 West to State Hill Road Exit. Make right onto State Hill Road. Proceed to second traffic light at Spring Street/Granite Point. Make a left onto Spring Street. Take the first right onto Reed Avenue at the Wyomissing Corporate Center. Follow the road around past two buildings on the right to the first building on the left, i.e. 1011 Reed Avenue.

From Allentown/Fleetwood/Hamburg/Kutztown/Leesport:

Follow Route 222 South (or Route 61 South to Route 222 South) to 422 West. Proceed on 422 West to State Hill Road Exit. Make right onto State Hill Road. Proceed to second traffic light at Spring Street/Granite Point. Make a left onto Spring Street. Take the first right onto Reed Avenue at the Wyomissing Corporate Center. Follow the road around past two buildings on the right to the first building on the left, i.e. 1011 Reed Avenue.

From Lebanon:

Follow Route 422 East. Take State Hill Road Exit. Make left onto State Hill Road. Proceed one traffic light at Spring Street. Make a left onto Spring Street. Take the first right onto Reed Avenue at the Wyomissing Corporate Center. Follow the road around past two buildings on the right to the first building on the left, i.e. 1011 Reed Avenue.

From Lancaster:

Take Route 222 North. Take State Hill Road Exit. Make a left onto State Hill Road. Proceed straight one traffic light at Spring Street. Make a left onto Spring Street. Take the first right onto Reed Avenue at the Wyomissing Corporate Center. Follow the road around past two buildings on the right to the first building on the left, i.e. 1011 Reed Avenue.